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Re: U.S. Patent Application. No. 09/707,910
Filing Date: 08 November 2000
Title: Apparatus and Method for Displaying
Records Responsive to a Database Query
Inventor(s): Edward J. Walters, III & Philip J. Rosenthal
Group Art Unit: 2177
Examiner: Greta Lee Robinson

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action, the Applicant submits the following:

1. a copy of the Examiner's Office Action;
2. a check for \$55 to cover the fee for an extension of time for response within the first month (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)). Please note that the Applicant is a small entity (37 C.F.R. § 1.27);
3. a check for \$594 for independent claims in excess of three and newly added claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b) & (c));
4. the Applicant's Response to the Office Action;
5. copies of corrected drawings that were filed separately with the Official Draftsperson; and
6. Form PTO/SB/81 confirming the authority of the undersigned to represent the Applicant in telephonic interviews.

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In addition, the Applicant includes a copy of this filing for date stamping. It is respectfully requested that the attached copy of this filing be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip J. Rosenthal", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 November 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-49 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-49 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08 November 2000 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-49 are pending in the present application.

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to by the Draftsperson note attached from PTO 948 for Draftsperson's Review. A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 1-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding **claims 1 and 21**, the following limitation lacks proper antecedent basis: "said responsive records" [see claim 1 line 3; and claim 21 line 2].

Regarding **claims 1 and 21**, the following limitation is vague: "displaying selected elements of at least one of said responsive records, wherein said list of identifiers and said selected

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elements are displayed simultaneously" [see: claim 1 lines 5-7, claim 21 lines 4-6]. It is unclear as to what the selected elements include, are they the database 402, text 403, or sort process 404 depicted in figure 4.

Claims 2-20 and 22-49 are rejected based on dependency.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

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6. Claims 1-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barr et al. US Patent 5,873,076 in view of Schmitt US Patent 6,463,431 B1.

Regarding claim 1, **Barr et al.** teaches a method for displaying records responsive to a database query [note: query server 116, figure 3] comprising the steps of:

displaying a list of identifiers for a plurality of said responsive records [note: element 204 figure 2];

and

displaying selected elements of at least one of said responsive records,

wherein said list of identifiers and said selected elements are displayed

simultaneously [note: element 206 figure 2; figures 4A and 5; col. 12 lines 48-57; col. 14 lines 29-65].

Although **Barr et al.** teaches the invention substantially as cited above, they do not specifically teach simultaneous display of said list of identifiers and selected elements. **Schmitt** teaches a user interface that enables the user to comparatively evaluate multiple items simultaneously by adjustment of the attribute weightings and the proximity searcher can also simultaneously display a nearest neighbor item and a users selected item [see: abstract; figure 3; col. 3 line 23 through col. 4 line 17]. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of the invention to have combined **Schmitt** with **Barr et al.** because **Schmitt's** ability

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simultaneously display a list of items and selected items would allow the user keep items that may have been overlooked.

7. Regarding claims 2-5:

(Claim 2) wherein said selected elements comprise the entirety of one of said responsive records [Barr et al., Figure 4A and 5].

(Claim 3) wherein said identifiers comprise case citations [Barr et al., figure 4A and 5].

(Claim 4) further comprising the step of identifying and marking records displayed in their entirety in a prior search request [Barr et al., 206 figure 2 and figure 4A].

(Claim 5) further comprising the step of identifying and marking records that were responsive to a prior search request [Barr et al., 206 figure 2 and figure 4A].

8. Regarding claims 6, 8, and 15 note Barr et al.:

(Claim 6) further comprising the step of sorting said responsive records [col. 13 lines 30-67].

(Claim 7) wherein said responsive records include a record name;
a record citation; a record date; and a record author [note element 400 figure 5].

(Claim 15) further comprising the step of resolving ties in a preceding sort [col. 13 lines 30-67].

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9. Regarding claim 7 note Barr et al.:

further comprising the step of computing the relevance of said responsive records [col. 13 lines 30-67].

10. Regarding claims 9-14:

further comprising the step of computing the relevance of said records ... wherein said list of responsive records is sorted according to record name ... citation ... date ... record author ... relevance of records [Barr et al. Figure 5; also note Schmitt figure 3 and col. 3 lines 22-44].

11. Regarding claims 16-20:

further comprising the step of identifying responsive records that were displayed in their entirety in a prior search ... wherein said responsive records are identified with text ... are identified with icons ... color ... with a browser viewed link designation [Barr et al. figure 4a and 5; figure 3 Schmitt].

12. The limitations of apparatus claims 21-49 parallel method claims 1-20 therefore they are rejected under the same rationale.

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Conclusion

13. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Driscoll US Patent 5,642,502

Husick et al. US Patent 5,717,914

Nakabayashi et al. US Patent 5,826,263

Redfern US Patent 6,078,914

Marshall et al. US Patent 5,926,806

Marshall et al. US Patent 6,101,493

Singhal US Patent 6,370,527 B1

Jones et al. US Patent 6,415,307 B2

14. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Greta Robinson whose telephone number is (703)308-7565. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If any attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John E. Breene, can be reached at (703)305-9790.

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GRETA ROBINSON
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Greta Robinson

Primary Examiner

January 11, 2003

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	B	US-5,717,914	02-1998	Husick et al.	707/5
	C	US-5,826,263	10-1998	Nakabayashi et al.	707/7
	D	US-5,873,076	02-1999	Barr et al.	707/3
	E	US-6,078,914	06-2000	Redfern, Darren M.	707/3
	F	US-5,926,806	07-1999	Marshall et al.	707/3
	G	US-6,101,493	08-2000	Marshall et al.	707/3
	H	US-6,370,527 B1	04-2002	Singhal, Amitabh Kumar	707/6
	I	US-6,415,307 B2	07-2002	Jones et al.	707/525
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Fig(s) 2, 16

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Attachment for PTO-948 (Rev. 03/01, or earlier)
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The below text replaces the pre-printed text under the heading, "Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes," on the back of the PTO-948 (Rev. 03/01, or earlier) form.

INFORMATION ON HOW TO EFFECT DRAWING CHANGES

1. Correction of Informalities -- 37 CFR 1.85

New corrected drawings must be filed with the changes incorporated therein. Identifying indicia, if provided, should include the title of the invention, inventor's name, and application number, or docket number (if any) if an application number has not been assigned to the application. If this information is provided, it must be placed on the front of each sheet and centered within the top margin. If corrected drawings are required in a Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37), the new drawings **MUST** be filed within the **THREE MONTH** shortened statutory period set for reply in the Notice of Allowability. Extensions of time may **NOT** be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b) for filing the corrected drawings after the mailing of a Notice of Allowability. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

2. Corrections other than Informalities Noted by Draftsperson on form PTO-948.

All changes to the drawings, other than informalities noted by the Draftsperson, **MUST** be made in the same manner as above except that, normally, a highlighted (preferably red ink) sketch of the changes to be incorporated into the new drawings **MUST** be approved by the examiner before the application will be allowed. No changes will be permitted to be made, other than correction of informalities, unless the examiner has approved the proposed changes.

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REMINDER

Drawing changes may also require changes in the specification, e.g., if Fig. 1 is changed to Fig 1A, Fig. 1B, Fig.1C, etc., the specification, at the Brief Description of the Drawing, must likewise be changed. Please make such changes by 37 CFR 1.312 Amendment at the time of submitting drawings.

INFORMATION ON HOW TO EFFECT DRAWING CHANGES

1. Correction of Drawings - 37 CFR 1.85

File new drawings with the changes incorporated therein. Identifying indicia, if provided, should include the title of the invention, inventor's name, and application number, or docket number (if any) if an application number has not been assigned to the application. If this information is provided, it must be placed on the front of each sheet and centered within the top margin. The drawing should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Drawing Review Branch.

2. Timing for Corrections

Applicant is required to submit **acceptable** corrected drawings within the three-month shortened statutory period set in the Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37).

Failure to take corrective action within set period will result in **ABANDONMENT** of the Application.

3. Corrections other than Defects Noted by the Drawing Review Branch on the Form PTO-948

All changes to the drawings, other than defects noted by the Drawing Review Branch, **MUST** be approved by the examiner before the application will be allowed. No changes will be permitted other than correction of defects, unless the examiner has approved the proposed changes.